

REMARKS

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of non-elected claims 19 and 20 in a divisional application should it prove necessary to do so.

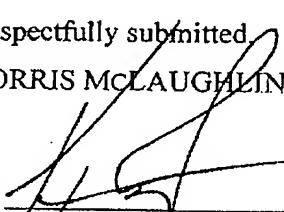
Regarding the traversal, Applicants submit that a requirement of a proper restriction requirement is that a serious search burden would result if restriction is not required. Although the Examiner can establish a *prima facie* case of burden by pointing out different areas of search, as the Examiner has done in this case, such is rebuttable. Applicants point out that the methods of non-elected claims 19 and 20 both depend upon wipe claims 15 and 9, respectively. If claims 9 and 15 are found to be novel and unobvious over prior art, then claims 19 and 20 must be as a matter of law, and, therefore, the Examiner may dispense with the separate search of claims 19 and 20 altogether. In short, Applicants submit that the Examiner can conduct the search of claims 9 and 15, and when these are allowed rejoin claims 19 and 20 without any further need to search. Therefore, restriction would appear unnecessary under these conditions.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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